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SESSION: APRIL 22-26 ACTIVITIES

FROM US DEL FAO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE (COAG)

1. /SUMMARY/: AGENDA ITEMS 5, 6, 7, 9, AND MOST OF 8 WERE
DISCUSSED, COVERING LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT FOR MILK AND MEAT
PRODUCTION; FERTILIZER USE, PRODUCTION AND TRADE; AGRARIAN
REFORM; REVIEW OF FIELD PROGRAMS; PROGRESS REPORTS ON INTER-
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENT; AND
FORMS OF REFERENCE AND METHODS OF WORK OF COAG (TO BE RE-
PORTED SEPARATELY WHEN DISCUSSION COMPLETED). DISCUSSIONS
WERE MOSTLY TECHINICAL, CONSTRUCTIVE, AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL.
/END SUMMARY/.

2. DISCUSSION OF LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT FOR MILK AND MEAT
PRODUCTION RESULTED IN NUMEROUS TECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS PRO-
VIDING GUIDANCE FAO SECRETARIAT. PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS
GENERAL COAG SUPPORT OF CONCEPT OF PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL
MEAT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME, BUT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED FURTHER
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ELABORATION OF PLAN PRIOR ITS PRESENTATION TO FAO PROGRAM AND

FINANCE COMMITTEES.

3. DISCUSSION OF FERTILIZERS LARGELY IN GENERAL OR TECHNICAL TERMS DEALING PRINCIPALLY WITH ASPECT OF EFFICIENT USE. PRODUCTION AND TRADE ASPECTS WERE LEFT FOR DISCUSSION IN OTHER FORA.

4. REGARDING AGRARIAN REFORM, FIELD PROGRAMS, INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT AND HUMAN ENVIRONMENT, MANY CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS WERE DIRECTED TO SECRETARIAT, BUT SINCE THESE ARE PRINCIPALLY TECHNICAL AND WILL BE PART OF US DEL REPORT, IT SEEMS UNNECESSARY ITEMIZE THEM HERE.

5. ALTHOUGH CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY VARIOUS DELEGATIONS OVER LATENESS OF DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION AND OVER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS OF SESSION, GENERAL TONE OF SESSION WAS EXCELLENT, WITH DELEGATIONS PROVIDING CONSTRUCTIVE, TECHNICAL GUIDANCE TO SECRETARIAT AND OMITTING ALL REFERENCE TO POLITICAL OR BUDGETARY MATTERS. COMMITTEE HAS STAYED WITHIN TIMETABLE SCHEDULE WITHOUT SATURDAY SESSIONS AND IS EXPECTED COMPLETE ITS WORK APRIL 30 AS SCHEDULED. VOLPE

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